

The Sinclair Broadcast Group's decision to dictate that its stations run the biased documentary "Stolen Honor" as a "special news event" days before the election is a clear violation of the legal requirement that public airwaves serve the public interest. Michael J. Cobbs, an FCC Commissioner, speaks for me when he says, ". . . it is proof positive of media consolidation run amok when one owner can use the public airwaves to blanket the country with its political ideology-- whether liberal or conservative." (Sacramento Bee, Oct. 15, pg. A26.)

Sinclair's actions show why we need to tighten media ownership limits. We also need to reinstate the fairness doctrine and the "personal attack" rule so that those who are attacked by groups such as Sinclair will be given equal time to respond. We need to protect our democratic traditions and not let the owners of our public airwaves turn our elections into a one-sided, mud-slinging contest. Thank you.